

EDEXCEL GCSE

HISTORY

Paper 3: Modern Depth Study

Option 33: The USA, 1954-75: conflict at home and abroad

SET 1

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Sources/interpretations for use with Section B

Source B: From a speech made by Malcom X in November 1963

Source C: Black American women grieving for Malcolm X after his assassination, Faith, Temple, New York City, USA, 27 February 1965

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DISCLAIMER: When referring to the language used in sources, such as the word "Negro" in Source C, it is important to acknowledge that this was the accepted term used at the time, but it is **not appropriate today**. It should be handled respectfully and recognised as historical language, not language that would be acceptable in modern usage.

"If violence is wrong in America, violence is wrong abroad. If it is wrong to be violent defending black women and children and black babies and black men, then it is wrong for America to draft us and make us violent abroad in defense of her. And if it is right for America to draft us, and teach us how to be violent in defense of her, then it is right for you and me to do whatever is necessary to defend our own people right here in this country.

So I cite these various revolutions, brothers and sisters, to show you that you don't have peaceful revolutions. You don't have a turn-the-other-cheek revolution. There is no such thing as non-violent revolution. The only kind of revolution that is non-violent is the Negro revolution. The only revolution in which the goal is loving your enemy is the Negro revolution. It's the only revolution in which the goal is a desegregated lunch counter, a desegregated theatre, a desegregated park, and a desegregated public toilet; you can sit down next to white folks - on the toilet. That's no revolution. Revolution is based on land. Land is the basis of all independence. Land is the basis of freedom, justice, and equality."

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“So why, then, has Malcolm’s reputation among historians improved dramatically since the years following his assassination? Partly, his biography became better understood. In 1963 - 64, Malcolm began to split with the Nation in an argument over personalities and tactics - and in the few months that he still had to live there was a revolution in his politics. Critical to this was Malcolm’s conversion from the Nation of Islam to mainstream Sunni Islam. He went on a pilgrimage to Mecca and was struck by the racial harmony among Muslims: “There were tens of thousands of pilgrims, from all over the world. They were of all colors, from blue-eyed blonds to black skinned Africans. But we were all participating in the same ritual, displaying a spirit of unity and brotherhood that my experiences in America had led me to believe never could exist between the white and non-white”.

Interpretation 2: From the History.com website.

“The almost painful honesty then enabled him [Malcolm X] to find his way from degradation to devotion to his people, the modest lifestyle that kept him on the edge of poverty, and the distance he somehow managed to put between himself and racial hatred serve ... as poignant reminders of human possibility and achievement.

Influenced largely by Malcolm, in the summer of 1966, members of SNCC called for black power for black people. Their lack of power was the foundation of Malcolm’s charge that they were denied human rights in America. His clarity on this matter, as American continued its retreat from its commitment to full freedom for his people, has guaranteed for him pride of place among black leaders.”



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